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Thunderstorms pummel US tornado disaster

Oklahoma (AFP) - Severe thunderstorms barreled through this Oklahoma City suburb Thursday, upsetting relief and clean-up efforts three days after a powerful tornado killed 24 people and destroyed thousands of homes.

The dark threatening skies cast a pall over the first of a series of funerals in the coming days for the seven children killed in an elementary school that took a direct hit from the twister.

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Expedia Reports Increased Travel Demand For Aruba In The First Quarter Of 2013

BELLEVUE, WA, U.S.A. (Expedia) -- The Expedia group, the world's largest on-line travel company, reported today that travel demand for Aruba grew by 15 percent year on year in the first quarter of 2013.

The Expedia group features more than 140 websites in nearly 70 countries worldwide, from brands such as Expedia®, Hotels.com®, Hotwire®, Egencia®, Expedia Affiliate Network® and Venere®. Expedia also generates bookings from mobile sites and apps as well as offline booking channels.

By working closely with Expedia and its portfolio of online travel brands, hotels in Aruba have been successful in attracting a slew of international travelers to their properties. While the United States remains the leading feeder market for Aruba, additional feeder markets for the destination include Venezuela, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Netherlands and



Expedia's global presence provided valuable international exposure for Aruba and generated increased revenues for the destination on Expedia group sites

Italy.

The Expedia group's commitment to this beautiful destination is also reflected in

the recent participation of the market management team at Aruba's top travel industry event: the Annual Tourism Conference Aruba (ATCA), where company executives had the opportunity to reinforce their commercial bonds with lodging partners throughout the island.

"As a result of the intense promotion of Aruba to our global audience of travelers, the island is one of the largest destinations in the Caribbean for the Expedia group," said Demetrius Canton, director of Market Management for the Expedia group in the Caribbean. "We're committed to working closely with our lodging partners in Aruba and throughout the Caribbean to extend their reach to an entirely new audience. ATCA is a great platform to further our relationships within the destination and discuss marketing and distribution strategies to help our hotel partners maximize their profitability."

Happy winners of the sweepstakes campaign ATA welcomes the Castellan family



The Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) did a research and a vacation raffle among its participants. The lucky winners of the research program be-

came the couple Dennis & Linda Castellan. The Castellans arrived on Aruba this past week to enjoy all that this destination has to offer.

The special program was held in the month of December 2012 and as a Christmas gift, the winner was announced on December 24th, 2012.

This past week the Castellan couple decided to come and enjoy their prize. Mrs. Melanie Kelly of the Aruba Tourism Authority welcomed them to Aruba. The Castellans expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the prize they won, which includes a stay at the Riu Resort.

This is the second time that the Castellans are visiting the island. They expressed being in love with the destination and ever since visiting they couldn't stop talking about Aruba and recommending Aruba to

their friends in Toronto, Canada.

During their stay they visited various events and took an island tour and experienced the Carubbian Festival in San Nicolaas.

In their own words: "...we love Aruba because of the friendly people and beautiful beaches. We feel safe going out and exploring the island. The weather is guaranteed sunny hot and there is always a breeze that kisses you softly to keep you cool. Friends of ours recommended Aruba and we are so glad to be back. Aruba really is a 'One Happy Island.'"

Photo shows the happy couple together with Melanie Kelly of the ATA.

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Large group receives Life Guard diploma



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years. Those who took the course can be re-certified every two years.

The Minister of Public Health had the honor of presenting the diplomas to the group.

The particular course equips participants to become

a Red Cross Certified Life-guard and had a duration of 5 weeks, and is internationally recognized.

Holders of the diploma can offer assistance in the event of any emergency, and they can assist paramedics on an ambulance. In addition, according to Marla Dominguez, one of the instructors of the course, they can assist all paramedics. On Sundays the classes were conducted at the Olympics Pool where they practiced in the water and in the sea at the baby Beach.

Mrs. Dominguez informed the participants that they were certified under the standards of Life Savings of the USA. They can help in all emergency situations on land or at sea. Their task will be to stabilize someone until the ambulance arrives. The course requires that all certified persons must train at least once per month for at least 4 hours so as to not forget what they learned and to simply remain active.

Congratulations is in order to all who passed the course and are now proud certified Life Guards!

Interest in ELMAR's pre-paid meters is growing

Since the introduction of ELMAR's pre-paid electrical meter earlier this year, the interest from the community is growing. The number of clients changing from post-paid to pre-paid is growing every day. The reason for the popularity of this new system is that it allows the client the opportunity to control his monthly electrical expenses so as to avoid high energy bills.

The pre-paid system can be compared to the popular pre-paid cellular phone where you simply purchase a card, punch in your numbers and you have access to the service. Pre-paid electrical systems is not an unknown to us. Curaçao has been using this system for some time now with great benefits to users.

In Aruba, the pre-paid meters are especially of interest to those renting apartments. There are already some 200 pre-paid meters installed across the island. The response from users is very positive and satisfactory.

ELMAR has different points of sale where the tokens can be purchased to recharge the system at anytime during

the day. Tokens can be purchased at all ELMAR outlets, as well as at Valero Palm Beach, Valero Essoville and Texaco Sasaki. Tokens can be purchased for Afls 10- or more in increments of Afls.5,-. This is a very practical and efficient system especially if you are serious about controlling and reducing your electrical consumption.

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Pure Spa & Fitness Center announces winner of Mother's Day Raffle



The well-renowned artist, Mrs. Grace Ashruf Rahusen is the very happy winner of a two-night stay at the gorgeous Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort. Pure Spa and Fitness Center is one of the Divi owned fitness centers, where a wide variety of spa services are also performed.

The winner was picked by Assistant Controller, Mrs. Lilian Kock on May 15th during the weekly department manager's meeting, selected

Mrs. Ashruf Rahusen has been a loyal fitness center

member since March 11th 2003 and confesses that her ideas for her artwork and paintings come to life during her workouts at the Pure Spa and Fitness Center. She says she cannot create if she doesn't work out. Working out is a must for her, it is just as daily as having to eat....

All ladies that have paid

their membership fee in full by Mother's Day were eligible to participate. A total of no less than 36 ladies had the chance of winning this first-time prize.

Picture shows Fitness Center and Spa Manager, Ms. Wendy Laclé presenting a very grateful and excited Mrs. Grace Ashruf Rahusen her two-night stay certificate.

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Subway, known for its diverse menu offering fresh and healthy sandwiches and soups, also supports our local athletes so they can improve their sporting skills.

And now, to entertain the public, Subway started with its 'halftime games' at the Guillermo Prospero Trinidad Stadium. During the Estrella vs. Britannia game, Subway organized a 'penalty kicks game' competition among fans, which they embraced with great enthusiasm, demonstrating their passion and talent for football. The winners were Reegel Winklaar and Carlsion Geerman.

During the RCA vs. Dakota game, Subway gave away a number of prizes by sticking a

piece of paper under the chairs. Fans could win either one of their famous cookies or a Subway sandwich, which they were able to enjoy during the game.

Subway will continue indulging island football fans with its 'halftime games,' giving away prizes during the play-offs. It also has its 'bulletin board,' where fans can take their pictures and post it on Subway's Face book page. The most creative and original posting to their page will also receive a prize.

Subway is very proud to be part of this year's football championship; the company's goal is to encourage the community to practice sports and adopt a healthy lifestyle, especially among the youth.

Subway and the Aruba Football Federation invite everyone to attend the play-off games. It will certainly help support our youth and sport by being a good fan.



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All are welcome to join the annual Memorial Day service at Costa Linda Resort



In 2004 a small, quiet ceremony was first conducted at the Costa Linda Beach by a group of four veterans who have since earned the informal title "The Costa Linda Vets." The original group of Frank Nini, Rich Lamonth, Bobby Nadal and Griff McElroy, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, were joined by their good friend Henry Lavergne of Canada in organizing the original event that has grown annually in attendance since. Sadly, Bobby Nadal passed away in 2011. The intention is to provide a moment for all those who wish to pay tribute to those

who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Anyone vacationing on Aruba on Monday, for U.S. Memorial Day, is welcome to attend this annual ritual.

The short, poignant ceremony begins promptly at 10:00 AM on the Costa Linda Beach and last no more than ten minutes. It begins by calling "The Detail" of visiting veterans to attention. There will be a reading of two stanzas of the poem, "For the Fallen" by English Poet Robert Laurence Binyon and a memorial wreath will be set out to sea.

Carolus van de Wouw honored by ATA at the Tamarijn Beach Resort



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice gentleman who is a loyal and friendly visitor of Aruba, at the Tamarijn Beach Resort, as Ambassador of Goodwill. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20 or more consecutive years. The honoree was Mr. Carolus van de Wouw from Noord Holland Amsterdam. Carolus better known as Carl is a loyal guest at the Tamarijn Beach resort for 17 consecutive years after he stayed for three years at another Divi Resort. Carl loves Aruba very much for the climate, beaches, restaurants, the culture and he loves to meet every year with

his lovely Aruban friends. Carl even promotes Aruba through a the Radio station "Kelkboom" on a worldwide program.

The certificate was pre-

sented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Management and staff members of the Tamarijn Beach resort.



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Authorities report 125 cases of influenza west Venezuela

CARACAS -- Authorities in the state of Merida, south Venezuela, confirmed 125 cases of influenza AH1N1 in the region. Denis Gómez, head of state-run health authority Corporsalud, disclosed the information.

Gómez also announced that 20 people are suspected

of being infected with the virus and are currently undergoing some tests.

For his part, the secretary general of the state governor's office, Luis Martínez, informed that 344 cases of alleged influenza have been reported since May 20.

Five people have died be-

cause of the virus so far in Mérida, according to local authorities.

Authorities informed that, in view of the soccer game held yesterday in the region between Venezuela and El Salvador, a sanitary plan has been implemented.

MetaFit program from MetaCorp Begins



At the beginning of 2013, MetaCorp started an annual exercise program called MetaFit. After a few organized activities, MetaFit offered on April 10 what turned out to be the most popular activity to date, hiking.

Every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, the energetic employees of MetaCorp and its subsidiaries meet at different spots on the island for a brisk walk. The walking distances vary; starting at 5 km, then going to a distance of 10 km and to 15 km. After more than 20 walking sessions, the event will culminate on June 29 with the biggest challenge: the 3rd annual MetaFit Half Marathon. This event is open for any one who wishes to participate.

This final event is open to not only MetaCorp employees, but an invitation is open to the general public to stimulate their interest and discover the enjoyment of exercising regularly.

Organizers of the hiking program are the volunteers of All Distance Runners Aruba together with Mr. Eric Gomez. A word of thank goes to friends and family members of participating employees who helped to spark their interest by joining the walk.

MetaCorp started the MetaFit program some 15 years ago; its goal is to encourage a healthy lifestyle among the employees. A dynamic group of staff organize the different activities on their off days.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

ARUBA WELCOME CELEBRATION
10pm - 3am, Confessions Nightclub (Palm Beach)
Featuring: **DJ General Lee**

THURSDAY, MAY 23

LIVE RADIO REMOTES
LASER 101 w/Gee Money SXM Radio
10am-2pm MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

WHUR Middays w/Triscina Grey
10am-3pm MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

Doug & DeDe Show
3pm-7pm Radisson Aruba Resort
Casino & Spa - Gilligan's (Palm Beach)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT
10am-3pm, (no entry fee)
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
Featuring: **DJ General Lee**

CARUBBIAN FESTIVAL
6pm-10pm, *San Nicolas
(Packages and info available at all DePalm Tours Hotel Desks)

NIGHTCLUB PARTY
11pm-3am, Hard Rock Café (Palm Beach)
Featuring: **DJ General Lee**

FRIDAY, MAY 24

MAIN SOURCE FITNESS BOOTCAMP
9am-10am; (no entry fee)
Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba-Poolside (Palm Beach)

LIVE RADIO REMOTE BROADCASTS
LASER 101 w/Gee Money SXM Radio
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SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT
10am-3pm, (no entry fee), MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
Featuring: **DJ General Lee**

COMEDY CONCERT
7pm-11pm
*Aruba Entertainment Center (Oranjestad)
(no cameras will be allowed into concert venues)
• **SINBAD**
featuring Paige Bryan with Memphis Red and the Funk Stank Nasty Band
• **DAMON WILLIAMS**

FRIDAY, MAY 24 continued

NIGHTCLUB PARTY
11pm-3am, Nikky Beach Club (Oranjestad)
Featuring: **DJ Frank Ski**

SATURDAY, MAY 25

MAIN SOURCE FITNESS BOOT CAMP
9am-10am, (no entry fee)
Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba -Poolside (Palm Beach)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT
10am-3pm
(no entry fee), MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
Featuring: **DJ General Lee**

MAIN STAGE CONCERT
7pm-11pm
*Soul Beach Amphitheater adjacent to Nikky Beach Club (Oranjestad)
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NIGHTCLUB PARTY
11:30pm-3am, Nikky Beach Club (Oranjestad)
Featuring: **DJ ?uestlove**

SUNDAY, MAY 26

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT
10am-3pm, (no entry fee), *Baby Beach (San Nicolas)
Featuring: **DJ General Lee**

MAIN STAGE CONCERT
7pm-11pm
*Soul Beach Amphitheater adjacent to Nikky Beach Club (Oranjestad)
(no cameras will be allowed into concert venues)
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For Pre-Show dinner reservations inside venue (after doors open)
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NIGHTCLUB PARTY
11:30pm-3am, Nikky Beach Club (Oranjestad)
Featuring: **DJ Outkast**

MONDAY, MAY 27

BODY & SOUL BEACH SPA & GOLF DAY
10am-3pm, Tierra del Sol Resort, Spa & Country Club –
Aruba (Malmok), Cool Down Pool Party

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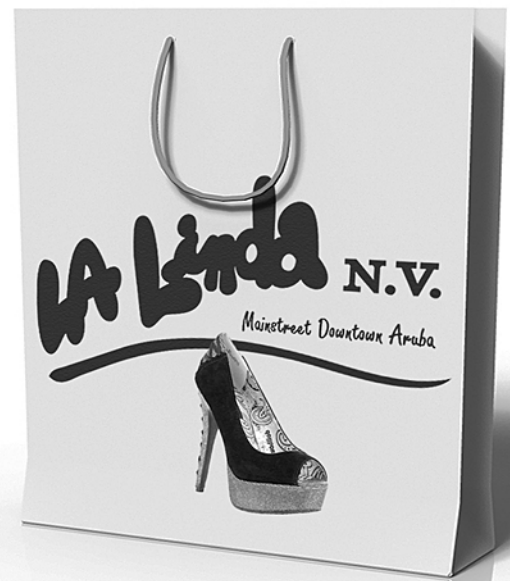


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International news

Obama releases rules for US drone strikes

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama announced yesterday he signed new policy guidance outlining when the United States can use "lethal force" to kill terror suspects abroad.

Here are the main points of the policy guidelines, released by the White House, regulating the drone bombing raids -- which until now have been carried out secretly by the Central Intelligence Agency in Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia.

-- Lethal force will not be used as punishment but "only to prevent or stop attacks against US persons, and even then, only when capture is not feasible and no other reasonable alternatives exist to address the threat effectively."

-- Resorting to force must have a legal basis and "only against a target that poses a continuing, imminent threat to US persons."

"It is simply not the case that all terrorists pose a continuing, imminent threat to US persons; if a terrorist does not pose such a threat, the United States will not use lethal force."

-- Before ordering lethal strikes, there must be: "near certainty" that the target is present, that civilian non-com-

batants will not be injured or killed, an assessment that capture is not feasible, an assessment the local government "cannot or will not effectively address the threat," and an assessment that no other "reasonable alternatives exist" to address the threat.

-- The United States will respect "sovereignty and international law." The laws of war and international legal principles will "impose important constraints on the ability of the United States to act unilaterally - and on the way in which the United States can use force."

-- If a terror suspect being targeted is identified as a US national, "the Department of Justice will conduct an additional legal analysis to ensure that such action may be conducted against the individual consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States."

-- The administration asserts a "reservation of authority." The new procedures for lethal strikes "do not limit the President's authority to take action in extraordinary circumstances when doing so is both lawful and necessary to protect the United States or its allies."

STOCKHOLM: AFP photo shows firemen extinguishing burning cars in the Stockholm suburb of Rinkeby after youths rioted in several different suburbs around Stockholm, Sweden for a fourth consecutive night on May 23, 2013. In the suburb of Husby, where the riots began on Sunday in response to the fatal police shooting of a 69-year-old machete-wielding man, 80 percent of residents are immigrants and the unrest has highlighted Sweden's failure to integrate swathes of its immigrant population, but in this small, consensus-driven country, there was little agreement on how to solve the problem.



Police make new arrests in London soldier killing

LONDON (AFP) - British police made two further arrests yesterday and raided houses across London following the brutal murder of a serving soldier who survived a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Prime Minister David Cameron appealed for calm after 25-year-old Lee Rigby was butchered outside a London army barracks yesterday, while an extra 1,200 officers were deployed on the capital's streets in a bid to reassure the public.

The intelligence agencies meanwhile came under scrutiny after it emerged that the two murder suspects, who were injured in police gunfire at the scene, had been known to the

security services.

Both men, aged 28 and 22, are believed to be Britons of Nigerian origin. One of them had frequented meetings by the now-banned Islamist group Al-Muhajiroun, its UK leader Anjem Choudary told AFP.

The two chief suspects are under arrest in separate hospitals. They are both stable and their injuries are not life threatening, police said.

In a brazen mid-afternoon attack in Woolwich, southeast London, the pair apparently hacked Rigby with knives and a meat cleaver before attempting to explain their actions in an Islamist tirade to passers-by.

The victim was a machine gunner who served with NATO-led forces in Afghanistan in 2009, the defence ministry said.

Police searched five proper-

ties in London and one in a village in eastern England, and announced the arrests of a man and a woman, both aged 29, for conspiracy to murder.

Detectives are sifting through witness statements, social media and security camera footage, while forensic experts have been combing the scene in Woolwich for evidence.

Cameron has condemned the "barbaric" attack and said it was likely terrorist-related, while experts said the murder had the hallmarks of a militant Islamist attack.

Media reports citing witnesses said the men first ran over their victim in a car before finishing him off with the knives.

A government source said "we will be looking into the possibility that they were known" to the security services.

Thunderstorms pummel US tornado...

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Heavy rain was forecast for much of the day, soaking the disaster zone where residents had just the day before, under clear blue skies, picked through the rubble of their shattered houses to recover personal effects.

Localized street flooding complicated access for emergency and clean-up vehicles, while construction workers and utility linemen took temporary

refuge in their trucks to avoid exposure to lightning strikes.

The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management has said 2,400 homes were damaged and 10,000 people affected, in a community of 56,000. Yesterday, Governor Mary Fallin's office updated the number of injured to 377, adding: "All people thought missing have been accounted for at this time."

In an Oklahoma City funeral home, some 250 family and friends gathered yesterday to mourn the loss of Antonia Candelaria, age nine, one of the seven children who died in the rubble of Plaza Towers Elementary School.

Like most schools in tornado-prone Oklahoma, the school had no purpose-built storm shelter for its nearly 500 students and staff.

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International News

Necklace worth 2 mln euros stolen in second Cannes heist



PARIS (AFP) - Thieves have made off with a diamond necklace worth 2 million euros (\$2.6 million) made by Switzerland's De Grisogono in the second jewellery theft at this year's Cannes Film Festival, the company said on Thursday.

The heist took place during a gala evening Tuesday organised by the jeweller and attended by, among others, Paris

Hilton and Sharon Stone.

"Unfortunately, after the end of the festivities, Grisogono employees discovered that a necklace of high value, which was part of the collection launched during the evening, had disappeared despite the security measures in place which included 80 security agents and police," said the Swiss jeweller.

The necklace comes com-

plete with 19 white diamonds, 19 yellow diamonds, emeralds and brown diamonds, it added.

A police source estimated the catalogue price of the necklace at 1.9 million euros.

This year's Cannes festival has been plagued by a series of thefts, including the spectacular heist last Friday of a million euros worth of jewellery from a hotel room occupied by an American employee of Swiss jewellery-maker Chopard.

Police said they were investigating a complaint filed by De Grisogono and that the necklace had gone missing in the resort town of Antibes near Cannes.

At least two apartments rented by film executives have also been burgled during the festival, with thieves taking cash, jewellery and other personal items.

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Dutch trader arrested for 'horsemeat fraud'

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch meat wholesaler Willy Selten was arrested yesterday for allegedly selling 300 tonnes of horsemeat labelled as beef, the public prosecutor said.

The prosecutor's office said that Dutch food safety authority NVWA arrested the man, whom media identified as Selten, allegedly a key player in Europe's horsemeat scandal, as part of "a criminal investigation into labelling horsemeat as beef."

The statement said the man's company was the same as the one searched as part of an initial probe when Europe's adulterated beef scandal erupted in February.

Selten in April failed to quash an order recalling 50,000 tonnes of potentially contaminated horsemeat that had passed through his plant in the southern Dutch city of Oss.

The NVWA asked hundreds of companies across Europe supplied by Selten to check their products.

Selten's company was last month also declared bankrupt and placed under curatorship.

An investigation showed that this horsemeat was processed as beef according to the company's accounts, which said that the business only sold beef, the statement said.

The accounts did not say from where the meat came or to

where it went. A third person from the company was interviewed in connection with the alleged fraud on Tuesday and Wednesday, the prosecutor said.

Selten's meat processing plant handled imports from various European countries and delivered to retailers, meat wholesalers, butchers, the meat processing industry and supermarkets throughout Europe.

Since the horsemeat scandal erupted in Ireland in January, governments have scrambled to figure out how and where the mislabelling of meat happened in the sprawling chain of production spanning abattoirs and meat suppliers across Europe.

The scandal prompted the European Commission to order tests of food across the European Union which showed that almost one in 20 meals marketed as beef was likely to be tainted with horse.

Though the scare first erupted in Ireland and Britain, there was no trace of horse-tainted products in either country, with the highest number found in France, Greece, Latvia and Denmark in that order.

The scandal led to meatballs in Ikea stores, sausages in Russia and frozen burgers in Britain's Tesco chain being pulled from shelves by the millions.

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Health & Living

H7N9 bird flu can spread in mammals: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The H7N9 strain of bird flu can spread among ferrets and could do the same among humans under certain conditions, according to lab animal studies on the virus published yesterday.

So far there have been no known cases of human-to-human spread of the new virus, which has infected 131 people and killed 36 since it first emerged in China in March.

If the virus were found to be able to spread easily among humans, experts fear it could trigger a widespread pandemic. Animal studies are a first step toward understanding how easily the virus might spread in people.

Scientists infected lab ferrets with a sample of H7N9 taken from one of the people who died from it, and found that the virus spread among ferrets in direct contact, said the report.

The virus was also found to be transmissible by air, though just one of the three ferrets tested became ill in this way.

The study also tested pigs, which are considered even closer than ferrets to humans, and found that pigs could become infected but that they did not pass the virus to each other.

Ferrets that were infected did not show symptoms of illness right away, even though they had the virus in their nasal secretions, which the study authors noted was typical in pandemic and seasonal influenza.

After the infected animals were autopsied, the virus was found to be replicating in the upper as well as the lower respiratory tract, and viral RNA was detected in the ferrets' trachea, lungs, lymph nodes and brains.

Mittal, who was not involved in the research, said that it is not unusual for certain highly pathogenic viruses to reach the brain, but it is not often seen in human flu pandemics and more research is needed.

Some symptoms might include confusion, dizziness, severe headache and neck pain, he said.

SARS-like virus patent complicating diagnosis: Saudi

GENEVA (AFP) - Saudi Arabia lamented yesterday that foreign drug companies had patented the new SARS-like virus that has killed 22 people worldwide in less than a year, slowing down the diagnosis process considerably.

"We are still struggling with diagnostics and the reason is that the virus was patented by scientists and is not allowed to be used for investigations by other scientists," said Saudi Deputy Health Minister Ziad Memish.

He told diplomats gathered in Geneva for the World Health Assembly, the UN health agency's decision-making body, that the coronavirus that first emerged last June had been "sent out of the country."

"It was patented, and contracts were signed with vaccine companies and anti-viral drug companies" which now need to give their approval every time another lab wants to use the virus, he said.

"I think strongly that the delay in the development of ... diagnostic procedures is related to the patenting of the virus," Memish said.

WHO chief Margaret Chan expressed outrage at the information.

"Why would your scientists send specimens out to other laboratories on a bilateral manner and allow other people to take intellectual property right on new disease?" she asked.

"Any new disease is full of uncertainty," she said, urging the WHO's 194 member states to only share "viruses and specimens with WHO collaborating centres, ... not in a bilateral manner."

"I will follow it up. I will

look at the legal implications together with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. No IP (intellectual property) should stand in the way of you, the countries of the world, to protect your people," she told the delegates to thundering applause.

So far, there have been 44 lab-confirmed cases worldwide of the virus which until now has been known as the novel coronavirus, or nCoV-EMC, but which this week was dubbed the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS CoV).

Saudi Arabia by far counts the most cases, with 30 confirmed infections and 17 fatalities, while cases have also been detected in Jordan, Qatar, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Germany, Britain and France.

The virus is a cousin of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), which triggered a scare 10 years ago when it erupted in east Asia, leaping to humans from animal hosts and eventually killing some 800 people.

Like SARS, the new virus appears to cause an infection deep in the lungs, with patients suffering from a temperature, cough and breathing difficulty, but it differs from SARS in that it also causes rapid kidney failure.

Memish stressed that a lot of uncertainty remains around how the virus spreads and what symptoms to look for, pointing out that some patients have instead of respiratory difficulties shown signs like diarrhoea and vomiting.

He also said diagnoses were problematic and in some cases tests needed to be performed two or even three times.

Experts favor US approval of Merck sleeping pill



WASHINGTON (AFP) - An independent panel of experts recommended US approval of a new Merck sleeping pill called suvorexant, but expressed concerns over the highest dosage and risks of drowsy daytime driving.

A majority of the panel voted that the drug was safe and effective in most cases, but experts were divided on the question of approving the safety of higher doses if lower doses did not appear to work

for patients.

The drug works differently than the top sleeping aid on the market at present, Sanofi's Ambien, or zolpidem, which boosts neurotransmitters known as GABA receptors.

Merck said suvorexant blocks "wakefulness-promoting orexin neurons" from working. If approved, it would be the first time the chemical is released on the US market.

FDA doctors who reviewed the research on the drug ahead of the panel meeting said it appeared effective but not safe at the higher doses studied.

The independent panel debated the findings all day, with one of the main topics being whether a lower dose of 10 mg would be safe, effective and avoid risks such as dangerous driving from persistent sleepiness.

Merck's representative said the response from a 10 mg dose would be "quite small and not very different from the placebo response."

However, FDA reviewers believed the lesser amount would likely work, leading one doctor on the panel to remark that he felt he was in an episode of the "Twilight Zone," where the government was saying a drug would work while the pill's maker disagreed.

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From left, Richard Branson, British Virgin Islands Premier Dr. Orlando Smith, and Grenada Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell listen to Costa Rica's former President and businessman Jose Maria Figueres speaking during a Caribbean Summit of Political Business Leaders at the home of Richard Branson on Necker Island, in the British Virgin Islands. "It's just so important to get every single Caribbean country 100 percent behind protecting the wonderful sea life and the wonderful reefs and mangroves, and therefore the species that occupy our oceans," Branson said.

NECKER ISLAND, British Virgin Islands -- In a joint effort to safeguard and bolster the Caribbean region's tourism-dependent economy, 15 Caribbean governments and 17 corporations met on Necker Island, home of Sir Richard Branson, in the British Virgin Islands last weekend and committed approximately \$64 mil-

lion USD to preserve and protect the region's marine and coastal environment, and accelerate efforts to transition to renewable energy.

"Protecting and harnessing the natural world is the greatest opportunity of our lifetimes," said Sir Richard Branson, Founder and Chairman of the Virgin Group. "We can't have

much economic growth without a healthy Caribbean environment, and we can't have a healthy Caribbean environment without healthy economic development. Solving the energy challenge and marine conservation challenge in the Caribbean go hand-in-hand."

The event, launching the second phase of the Caribbean Challenge Initiative (CCI), was co-hosted by the Prime Minister of Grenada, Premier of the British Virgin Islands, and Sir Richard Branson. The event's sponsoring partner was Tiffany & Co. Foundation, and the event was organized by The Nature Conservancy, with support from Virgin Unite, the non-profit entrepreneurial foundation of the Virgin Group, and the Carbon War Room.

"We are honored to be part of such a historic event, and we applaud our fellow Caribbean nations participating in this Summit," said Prime Minister Dr. the Right Honourable Keith C. Mitchell of Grenada. "We are charting a path for future generations,

stressing the importance of conservation throughout the region."

"Governments and their people, companies and their consumers, and local communities all must work together to protect this beautiful region," said Glenn Prickett, Chief External Affairs Officer for The Nature Conservancy. "This event has demonstrated that no longer is protecting nature viewed as a luxury, it is critical to the success of the region's economy."

Commitments announced at the Summit by individual governments to support these efforts included the establishment of a national trust fund to protect biodiversity in The Bahamas; adoption of a Protected Areas System Plan to protect 33 percent of marine and coastal environments in the British Virgin Islands; the establishment of 14 fish sanctuaries in Jamaica; a commitment to double the number of protected areas in Puerto Rico; Grenada's reaffirmation to protect 25 percent of its marine and coastal environment; and Belize's commitment to protect 30 percent of

its marine and coastal environments with over 10 designated as no-take fishing zones.

In addition to these commitments, Defend Paradise, a campaign designed to generate funding for marine conservation in the Caribbean and raise consumer awareness of the marine environment was launched.



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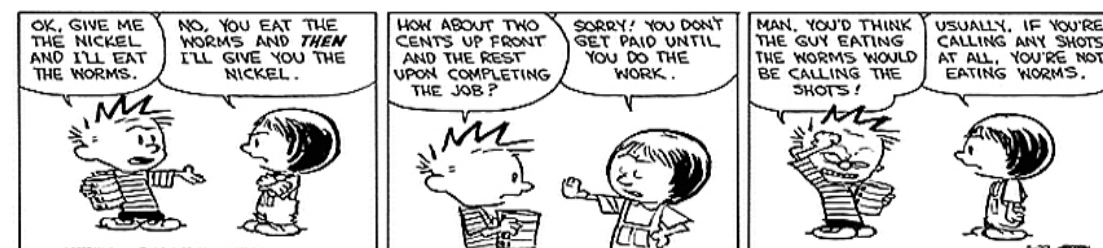
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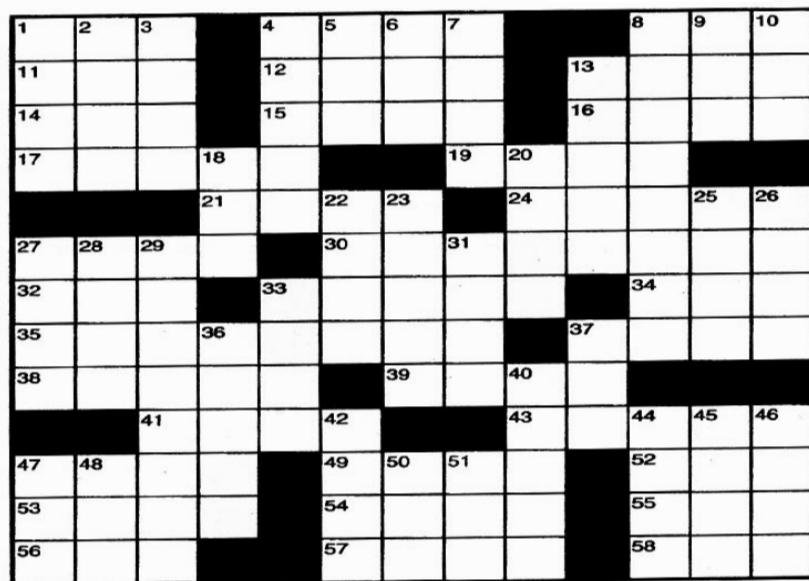
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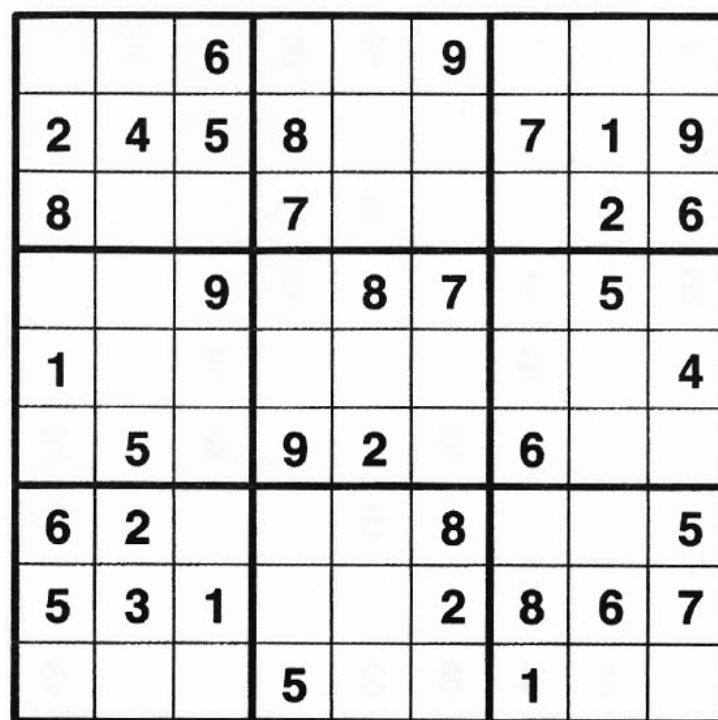
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FINANCE

IMF chief grilled in Paris court over 2007 payout scandal

PARIS (AFP) - IMF chief Christine Lagarde faces another day of questioning after being grilled for hours Thursday by French prosecutors who are deciding if she should be charged over a state payout to a disgraced tycoon during her time as finance minister.

Lagarde has downplayed the investigation, but the stakes are high for both her and the International Monetary Fund, which has expressed confidence in Lagarde.

Lagarde, 57, was seen leaving a Paris court late on Thursday after being quizzed by prosecutors for around 12 hours. "See you tomorrow," she told reporters as she left the building.

The Court of Justice of the Republic (CJR), which probes cases of ministerial misconduct, is seeking an explanation of her 2007 handling of a row that resulted in 400 million euros (\$515 million) being paid to controversial business figure Bernard Tapie.

Criminal charges against Lagarde, known for her intellectual prowess and elegance, would mark the second straight scandal for an IMF chief, after her predecessor Dominique Strauss-Kahn, also from France, resigned in disgrace in 2011 over an alleged assault on a New York hotel maid.

Her court appearance came a day after Lagarde, the first woman to run an organisation

considered the pillar of the international financial system, was named the world's seventh most powerful woman by Forbes magazine.

Tapie, a former politician, went to prison for match-fixing during his time as president of French football club Olympique de Marseille.

Prosecutors working for the CJR suspect he received favourable treatment in return for supporting Nicolas Sarkozy in the 2007 presidential election.

They have suggested Lagarde -- who at the time was finance minister -- was partly responsible for "numerous anomalies and irregularities" which could lead to charges for complicity in fraud and misappropriation of public funds.

The investigation centres on her 2007 move to ask a panel of judges to arbitrate in a dispute between Tapie and Credit Lyonnais, the collapsed, partly state-owned bank, over his 1993 sale of sports group Adidas.

Tapie had accused Credit Lyonnais of defrauding him by consciously undervaluing Adidas at the time of the sale and argued that the state, as the former principal shareholder in the bank, should compensate him.

Netherlands reaffirms deficit target of 3.0% for 2014

KLEVE (AFP) - Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said Thursday that his government is sticking to its target of bringing its deficit back within EU limits by next year and will not ask the EU for a delay.

"We are endeavouring to bring the budget deficit down to 3.0 percent (of output) in 2014. We're not going to ask for extra time," Rutte told a news conference following a meeting here with his German counterpart, Angela Merkel.

The Netherlands' public deficit came in at 4.1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) last year, the fourth year in a row it has breached the EU's 3.0 percent ceiling.

The public deficit, which also includes local government and health spending, declined from 4.5 percent of gross domestic product in 2011 and a high of 5.6 percent in 2009.

The country is implementing a programme of spending cuts in order to squeeze the

deficit back under the 3.0 percent ceiling.

The Dutch government also announced it would explore the sale of the one-third stake it owns in British-based uranium enrichment specialist Urenco.

The government said in a statement that the council of ministers had approved exploring the sale of part or the entire stake, and was in discussion with the other shareholders in the company which supplies nuclear fuel to power plants in Europe and the United States.

The announcement came a month after the British government said it would consider selling its one-third stake, while German power companies E.ON and RWE indicated in January they would put up their equal shares of the remaining third in Urenco.

Dutch media estimate Urenco to be worth some 10 billion euros (\$13 billion).

However the Dutch government indicated it would not sell its stake unless the "public interests concerning non-proliferation, nuclear security and deliveries were guaranteed in an effective manner."

Urenco was created in 1971 following a treaty between Britain, Germany and the Netherlands on nuclear enrichment.

French nuclear fuel company Areva has expressed interest in acquiring Urenco.

Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem told lawmakers in a letter that plans by Britain and the German power companies to sell their stake forced the Netherlands to join the sale to protect its interests, as it would have little voice if left a minority shareholder.

Brazil to open huge oil field to auction

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazil will auction concessions to operate an offshore oil field believed to hold up to 12 billion barrels of crude, the government said Thursday.

The tender process will take place in late October, said Magda Chambriard, director of the National Oil Agency. New estimates are that the so-called Libra oil field holds between eight billion and 12 billion barrels of oil -- the largest find ever in Brazil, she said.

The field covers 1,500 square kilometers and lies in

ultra-deep waters under a thick layer of salt.

By way of comparison, the so-called Marlim field, which is the most productive one Brazil now has operating -- at 600,000 barrels per day -- has a recoverable oil volume of 2 billion barrels, Chambriard said.

Another, called Roncador, has 2.5 billion, she added. But Libra is another thing altogether.

"I have worked in the oil industry for 30 years and have never seen anything like it," she said. "Something this size will raise eyebrows all over the world."

Brazil's sprawling pre-salt oil reserves were first discovered in 2007.

Libra will be auctioned off as a single bloc, under 2010 legislation that increases the government's control over the pre-salt reserves and its share of the profits.



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Exclusive interview with Zachary Quinto: Bringing Spock to life for a new generation of Trekkies

By THE MORNING NEWS Hollywood Correspondent Noel de Sousa

-- Director J.J. Abrams has captured the imagination of a new generation with the first two installments of his STAR TREK trilogy, the latest, "Into Darkness" now playing at theaters on Aruba. A crucial aspect of success for this retelling of a beloved franchise, which spawned a generation of devoted fans, and, was the casting of the principals, particularly the iconic and challenging role of Spock. For many, Leonard Nimoy IS Spock, but Quinto has masterfully made the part his own, bringing a vulnerability and humanity to the character rarely revealed during the TV episodes.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Quinto reports his father is "100% Sicilian, while my mother is Irish, Scottish, French, part Cherokee and Black Foot Indian. I'm a mutt. People ask me if I'm Italian, I say I'm American." He was bitten by the acting bug while still in high school and won the Gene Kelly Award for his performance in The Pirates of Panzance; he then enrolled in The Carnegie Mellon University School of Drama.

Though his success can be credited to his roles on TV and in films, he expressed "a strong desire to do theatre again as soon as it is humanly possible. It's how I forged a relationship with the craft of acting and it's something that is always going to be where my heart is—on stage. I don't have a particular affinity for musical theater as I do for plays, but that's not to say that I wouldn't visit it again some day as I get older I'd like to do Sweeney Todd."

Quinto appeared on several TV shows before landing a lead role as the epitome of evil in "Heroes," playing "Syler." The range he displayed during the series' run, from a killer



Quinto likes cats

with no conscience, to a sympathetic character and back again, demonstrated his talent and range; eventually winning him the coveted role of "Spock."

TMN Hollywood Correspondent Noel de Sousa considers the new STAR TREK: INTO DARKNESS "energetic, exciting, action packed and visually spectacular. I'm sure that the Trekkies will love it and the non-trekkies will find it hard to tune it out." He met with Zachary Quinto in London while the actor was attending the world premiere.

NDS: You have been away from Star Trek for four years now and the team is back; what was your reaction when you first read the script?

Quinto: I was both excited and impressed by the magnitude and the scale and scope of this movie. It was a bigger film and a little bit more challenging to shoot as a result. Spock has a lot more physical action in this film, so it required a lot

more training and preparation for me. I feel like I went into the beginning of the process of feeling connected to my body, and that allowed me to inhabit the character pretty easily, but it still took a few days to adjust to the character because I'd been away from it for so long.

NDS: Kirk and Spock have a very special friendship and each watches out for the other. In your personal life, who watches out for you?

Quinto: I surround myself with a very close and tight knit group of people, they are my inner circle, I always rely on them and they can always rely on me.

NDS: Do you think they will be there in a dangerous situation?

Quinto: Hopefully, I think they will.

NDS: Part of the title of this STAR TREK is "Into Darkness." I was wondering if for you, personally, there was a period of darkness in your life, and when did you see the light?

Quinto: Professionally, there was a period just before I was cast in HEROES where I was frustrated with my career. I was really depressed, like just about every actor is. I asked myself what am I doing and should I continue to do it, or is there something else that I should do that would bring me the level of happiness that acting does, and if there is, I had better start looking into it. Then HEROES came along and it was like winning the lottery, and then winning the lottery again with Star Trek. It took me into the light. I've had such a rich journey and so many creative opportunities. Now I have my own production company. I've been able to do all these things because of the exposure that I've had; it's fulfilled me and brought me to a place of satisfaction and happiness. You can't have the light without the dark. I think it's important to embrace all aspects of yourself and I try to do that in as many ways as possible.

NDS: Is that why you came out and declared you were gay? Did you think your professional opportunities would diminish?

Quinto: No. I think today the industry and people in general are pretty accepting of one's sexuality, other wise I would not be sitting here talking to you. I think that the personal price that I had to pay was not coming out, and the years that it took me to come to terms with myself and accept myself, finally coming to the point where I felt like making that declaration. It requires a tremendous amount of self-examination and preparation. The price I paid was a personal one; now I have no interest in anyone who is anything other than supportive, because I feel that we live in a world and at a time when this kind of assertion needs to be more common. For me to be one of the leads in STAR TREK and being openly gay is something that I take great pride in. When I was growing up, nowhere that I looked could I see someone like that who inspired me, so that motivated me to come to terms with myself sooner, because I thought I could represent that for many young people who are struggling with their sexuality. I know that I have already made an impact because I hear from them all the time. That's my goal and that's something that I'm enormously grateful for. I don't feel limited in my work or my opportunities. All of the people I've worked with have declared their support for me. I live an authentic life and that is the goal for me.

NDS: Why do you think others have not followed your lead?

Quinto: Because people are afraid obviously, and I have no judgment of those people because it's an incredibly personal journey and they are conditioned to be afraid. That's the responsibility that society has to step up to. The wave of equality is cresting, it's all over the world, it's a movement and I didn't want that movement to pass me by. I wanted to be a part of it and I think that more people will in time, because times are changing and experiences like I am having will become more common. There are people who did it before I did and it is because of them I did what I did and the chain will continue; it's a cumulative process and I'm glad to be a part of it.

NDS: Coming back to



Quinto as Spock

Spock; what is your analysis of the character and how do you relate to him?

Quinto: I have a tremendous respect for the character, actually. I think he is very compassionate but also very balanced and logical. He strives for a level of equanimity that is sometimes difficult to find in our lives as human beings. I think, to a certain extent, I'm a logical person like he is, but I can be incredibly impulsive and emotional in my responses and reactions to things. I'm a Gemini, so I feel like I possess a similar kind of duality that is beneficial for a character like this.

NDS: Are there more STAR TREKS in your future?

Quinto: We have signed to do three more.

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nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, (\$5.48, with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,



Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of

fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Golf: Kingston leads, McIlroy in Wentworth woe

WENTWORTH- (AFP) - South Africa's James Kingston posted a six-under par 66 to lead the first round of the European PGA Championship on Thursday on a day of frustration for Rory McIlroy.

McIlroy shot a two-over par 74, the same score as Graeme McDowell, whilst fellow Ryder Cup player Luke Donald, who has won the Wentworth event for the last two years, ended six-over and is in danger of missing the cut.

Paul Lawrie was a shot worse off and Ian Poulter collapsed to a four-over 76 on a day when the threat of lightning brought a 90-minute halt to the action.

But Sergio Garcia finally did his talking on the course after the racism row and war of words with Tiger Woods that marred the build-up to the European Tour's flagship event.

The Spaniard holed a 25-foot putt for an eagle on the par-5 18th and signed for a level par round of 72 whilst Lee Westwood was two shots better off after coming home in 35, two-under.

Finland's Mikko Ilonen shot a five-under par 67, a stroke better than Spain's Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano, who was level with Scott Henry from Scotland, whilst Italy's Matteo Manassero was round in 69 along with Thomas Bjorn and George Coetzee from South Africa.

Austrian Martin Wiegele was four-under par, after three birdies on succession after the turn, with five holes left when play was suspended for the day due to darkness.

Kingston, 47, lost his card last season but after a consistent start to the season in South Africa showed some of the form that made him a two-time winner on the European Tour as he strung together four birdies in his final seven holes.

McIlroy found it a struggle despite his pre-tournament assertions that rumours of his imminent switch of management company would not hinder his game.

The Northern Irishman made five bogeys in six holes from the 14th whilst McDowell handed in the same score of 74 after a horrific double bogey seven on the last.

A frustrated McIlroy said: "It was tricky. The conditions obviously were not ideal so it is tough to shoot a low score out there. I felt I was doing well after the first 12 holes but I just let the round get away from me."

Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez, the winner in 2008, came back in 40 to finish four-over par.

Yachting: Safety ideas will become rules for America's Cup

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Safety recommendations made by America's Cup regatta director Iain Murray in the wake of British yachtsman Andrew Simpson's death will be made rules of the event, officials said on Thursday.

Tom Ehman, vice commodore of the host Golden Gate Yacht Club, said the 37 ideas to make the powerful AC72 catamarans safer were part of an overall safety plan submitted to the US Coast Guard of part of the request for a race permit.

And there was concern the regatta permit might be turned down by the Coast Guard in the wake of Simpson's death and a spectacular capsizing of an Oracle team AC72 on San Francisco Bay last year in which no one was hurt.

Simpson, an Olympic gold medalist and crew member of Swedish team Artemis, died when Artemis' AC72 capsized while training on San Francisco Bay on May 9.

He was apparently trapped beneath a solid piece of the boat and could not be revived after being found. The exact cause of the accident is still under review by Artemis and by an America's Cup panel headed by Murray.

Buoyancy aids, body armor and helmet beacon locator devices were among the recommendations announced Wednesday by Murray -- all ideas discussed by teams made more urgent after the death of Simpson, nicknamed "Bart", two weeks ago.

SPORTS

Formula One: Frustrated Pirelli ready to quit, says chief



MONTE-CARLO (AFP) - Italian tyre suppliers Pirelli on Thursday gave Formula One a stark warning about their current stalled talks on a new deal -- and warned they are ready to pull out at the end of this season.

Pirelli's motorsport director Paul Hembery said that the sport was facing an "extremely serious situation" which must be resolved quickly. If not, he said, Pirelli would find it impossible to make new tyres for the 2014 season.

"Apparently on September 1, we are meant to tell them (the teams) everything that they need to know with the tyres for next season, but now we are in mid-May," he explained.

"You can imagine how ludicrous that is when we have not got contracts in place. Maybe we won't be here."

Hembery's warning comes after a series of negative comments from all sides following the pit-stop-decorated Spanish Grand Prix earlier this month and an open war of words between the teams about the fast-

wearing tyres supplied to F1 this year.

Talks between Pirelli and the teams about the details of any new deal for next year have stalled, leaving Pirelli frustrated and warning that it will soon be impossible to comply with the demands of any contract for 2014.

It is believed that Pirelli has agreed a commercial deal with F1 ringmaster Bernie Ecclestone, but that general deal requires the support of agreements between Pirelli and the teams and also the ruling body, the International Motor Racing Federation (FIA). Some teams are understood to be reluctant to reach any agreement with Pirelli.

During a news conference in Monaco, Hembery said that Pirelli had already set an internal deadline for an answer from the teams, but declined to reveal the date.

"I have always said we will never declare an internal deadline, but clearly time is already getting too late. Things are getting extremely serious."

MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
YANKEES	28	18	.609	--	ATLANTA	28	18	.609	--
BOSTON	28	19	.596	0.5	WASHINGTON	24	23	.511	4.5
BALTIMORE	25	21	.543	3.0	PHILADELPHIA	23	24	.489	5.5
TAMPA	24	22	.522	4.0	NY METS	17	27	.386	10.0
TORONTO	19	27	.413	9.0	MIAMI	13	34	.277	15.5
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CLEVELAND	26	19	.578	--	ST. LOUIS	30	16	.651	--
DETROIT	25	19	.568	0.5	CINCINNATI	29	18	.591	1.5
KANSAS	21	22	.488	4.0	PITTSBURGH	28	18	.591	2.0
CHICAGO	21	24	.467	5.0	MILWAUKEE	18	27	.429	11.0
MINNESOTA	18	25	.419	7.0	CHICAGO	18	27	.405	11.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	30	17	.638	--	COLORADO	26	21	.553	--
OAKLAND	25	23	.521	5.5	SAN FRANCISCO	26	21	.553	--
SEATTLE	20	27	.426	10.0	ARIZONA	26	21	.553	--
LA ANGELES	19	27	.413	10.5	SAN DIEGO	21	25	.457	4.5
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NBA: MVP James delivers winner as Heat beats Pacers



MIAMI (AFP) - LeBron James drove for a game-winning layup as time expired to give the Miami Heat a thrilling 103-102 overtime win over the Indiana Pacers Wednesday in game one of the NBA Eastern Conference finals.

James, recently named regular season Most Valuable Player for the fourth time, lived up to the billing with his buzzer-beating exploit, ensuring the reigning NBA champions retained home court advantage in the best-of-seven series.

James finished with 30 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for the ninth post-season triple-double of his career.

Paul George had given Indiana a 102-101 lead with three clutch free throws with 2.2 seconds left in overtime.

But after a timeout, the Heat inbounded the ball and got it into their superstar's hands -- and James did not disappoint.

With George just out of position defensively, James whirled and attacked the basket, making the left-handed shot to seal the victory.

George had sent the game into overtime with a three-pointer in the last second of regulation.

The winner of the series advances to the NBA finals to

take on the Western Conference champions for the league crown. San Antonio lead Memphis 2-0 in the Western finals.

Dwyane Wade added 19 points for Miami, while Chris Bosh chipped in 17 and reserve Chris Anderson scored 16 on 7-of-7 shooting. David West scored 26 and Roy Hibbert added 19 for Indiana.

After forcing overtime with his three-pointer, George opened overtime with a brace of free throws to give Indiana a 94-92 lead.

Heat center Chris Andersen made two free-throws to knot the score at 94-94, but Pacers center Roy Hibbert's basket again put the visitors ahead 96-94.

Wade's layup tied it again, but George responded with a driving layup, drawing a foul and making the free-throw to put Indiana ahead 99-96 with 2:05 remaining.

Bosh then scored on a second-chance basket and was fouled. He, too, converted the free-throw to tie it with 49.7 seconds left.

A layup by James gave the Heat a 101-99 lead with 10.8 seconds remaining. After a scramble in which it seemed the Heat had made a steal, George emerged with the ball and went up for a three-point attempt but was fouled by Wade.

George calmly stepped up to the line and made all three foul shots, but in the end he just couldn't stop James.

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file photo: Tony Parker (l) and Marc Gasol (r)

Duncan, 37, collected his 10th All-NBA First team selection but his first since 2007. In his 16th NBA season, Duncan averaged 17.8 points, 9.9 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.65 blocked shots while hitting a career-best 81.7 percent of his free throws.

Durant, on the team for the fourth time, averaged 28.1 points while hitting 51.0 percent from the field and 90.5 percent from the free throw line, both career bests.

Paul, an All-NBA First Team selection for the third time, had a league-best 4.26 assist-to-turnover ratio. In 13 games, he had 11 or more assists while making no more than one turnover.

Paul, the 2013 All-Star Game Most Valuable Player, averaged 16.9 points, an NBA second-best 9.7 assists a game

and a league-best 2.41 steals a game.

James received all 119 possible first team votes for the maximum possible 595 points. Durant was second on 555 followed by Paul on 537, Bryant on 521 and Duncan topped centers with 392 points.

The All-NBA Second Team included two non-US players, San Antonio guard Tony Parker from France and Spanish center Marc Gasol from Memphis, plus Oklahoma City guard Russell Westbrook and forwards Blake Griffin of the Clippers and Carmelo Anthony of New York.

The All-NBA Third Team included Miami's Dwyane Wade, Houston's James Harden, Indiana's Paul George, Golden State's David Lee and Lakers center Dwight Howard.

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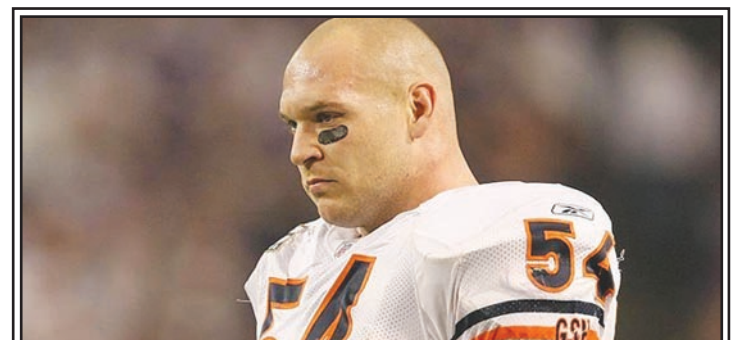
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NBA: LeBron unanimous selection to All-NBA top squad



NEW YORK (AFP) - LeBron James, who won his fourth NBA Most Valuable Player Award in five seasons this year, was the only unanimous choice on the All-NBA First Team all-star squad announced by the league on Thursday.

The Miami Heat superstar was joined on the lineup chosen by a media panel by NBA scoring leader Kevin Durant of Oklahoma City, Chris Paul of the Los Angeles Clippers, Tim Duncan of San Antonio and Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers.

It was the 11th first-team nod for Bryant, matching the record set by Utah Jazz Hall of Fame forward Karl Malone.

James powered the Heat to a league-best 66-16 record and was the only player to lead his team in scoring, rebounds and assists -- pouring in 26.8 points, grabbing 8.0 rebounds and passing off 7.3 assists a game.

James also had career-best accuracy rates of 56.5 percent from the field and 40.6 percent from 3-point range and at age 28 became the youngest player to reach 20,000 career points.

Bryant, on the team for the eighth year in a row despite the Lakers barely struggling into the playoffs, averaged 27.3 points. The 34-year-old playmaker moved past legendary Laker big man Wilt Chamberlain into fourth on the NBA all-time points list.

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